

Legal Notice – Print One Time – September 10, 2020



Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland
Clear Creek Ranger District
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Idaho Springs, CO 80452

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Loveland Ski Area Parking and Terrain Improvement Project
USDA Forest Service
Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland
Clear Creek Ranger District
Clear Creek County, Colorado

Opportunity to Comment on Parking and Terrain Improvement Project at Loveland Valley

The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland is preparing an environmental assessment for Loveland Ski Area (Loveland) to implement the Loveland Parking and Terrain Improvement Project. The proposed project would take place entirely within Loveland's existing Special Use Permit area at Loveland Valley.

The Forest Supervisor, Monte Williams, will determine whether or not to approve all or part of the proposal, including:

- Construction of a parking lot adjacent to existing lots D and E; and
- Implementation of terrain improvements on Zig Zag and Boomerang ski trails, including construction of two new ski trails adjacent to Boomerang.

The purpose of the proposed parking project is to increase the parking capacity of the Loveland Valley base area to better accommodate existing and future guest visitation at Loveland. The need for the proposed parking project is based on the day skier analysis conducted in the 2017 Master Development Plan Update (MDP), as well as more current guest visitation and vehicle constraint data. The purpose of the proposed terrain improvement project is to improve utilization of existing lift-served terrain accessed by Chair 3 within this area of the mountain. The need of the proposed trail improvement project is to reduce the grade of trails in the Chair 3 terrain pod, which currently includes trail segments that are too steep and off fall-line for novice ability level skiers.

The formal notice of proposed action (NOPA) is available for review online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58009>. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Noel Ludwig at noel.ludwig@usda.gov or by phone at (303) 275-5164.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Please note that this period is serving as both scoping and the sole comment period for the proposed action. There will not be another opportunity to comment.

Specific written comments on the proposed projects will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in the *Coloradoan*, on September 10, 2020. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments (regarding Forest Service questions and concerns) must be submitted by:

Mail:

Noel Ludwig
Clear Creek Ranger District
1617 Cole Blvd Building 17
Lakewood, CO 80401

Electronic:

Online comment form:

<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=58009>

Note: the name and mailing address of the person submitting electronic comments must be included.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility to file an objection under 36 CFR § 218.8. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative firm from each entity submitting timely and specific comments must either sign the comment or verify identify upon request. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in 36 CFR § 218.25(a)(3). Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. Electronic formats accepted include email, PDF, word documents, spreadsheets, most images, etc.